

because of which incidents of looting and murders are taking place in those buses;

(b) the number of such incidents took place in those buses 1994-95, 1996-97 separately;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to formulate any concrete scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including the crime relating to Night Service Buses is the responsibility of the State Governments. The statistics relating specifically to crime in Night Service Buses are not maintained at Central level. However, the Central Government, from time to time has been sending advisories to the States apart from providing financial assistance to strengthen their policing infrastructure.

[English]

Assistance for Drip Irrigation

3192. SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Maharashtra for payment of past claims of Rs. 27 crore and Rs. 60 crore for the subsidy on targeted sets of drip irrigation to be installed during 1997-98 under the centrally sponsored installation of drip irrigation sets scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which the required fund is to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra have requested the Government of India to allocate higher subsidy during 1997-98 under the drip installation component of the scheme.

(c) The Government has allocated Rs. 18.74 crore for Maharashtra during 1997-98 for drip installation. The Government has also revalidated the unspent balance out of the release of 1996-97 to the State. An amount of Rs. 3.26 crore has been approved for release during 1997-98. Subsequent releases would be made on receiving the physical & financial progress report.

Bodo Movement

3193. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'ABSU to meet P.M. for State' appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated June 20, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the specific points of disagreement between the Government of Assam and Bodo Leaders; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to resolve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There was a demand from the Plains Tribals in Assam, particularly the Bodos for creating a Union Territory/separate State for them out of the State of Assam. An Accord was signed on 20th February, 1993 between the Bodo leaders and the Government of Assam under which it was decided to set-up a Bodoland Autonomous Council. In pursuance of this the Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC) Act was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly in 1993 and it received the assent of the President of India on 13th May, 1993. Interim Bodoland Executive Council has been set up pending elections to Bodoland Autonomous Council. The areas of the Council has also been notified by the State Govt.

The main purpose of the Bodo Accord was to provide autonomy to the Bodos for their socio-economic, educations, ethnic and cultural upliftment. However, elections to BAC could not be held because of difference of opinion between the State Government and Bodo leaders over the issue of de-limitation of the constituencies in BAC area and the demand for inclusion of additional villages in the BAC area.

Certain Bodo organisations are demanding a full fledged Bodoland state. The Govt. of Assam is holding discussions with various Bodo leaders for resolving the outstanding issues.

Protection of Inland Salt Industry

3194. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take measures to protect the inland salt industry near Wild

Ass Sanctuary in Little Rann of Kutchch giving employment to more than ten thousand families of salt workers against the situation arising out of Supreme Court's judgement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present area of the Wildlife Ass Sanctuary and the percentage of area affected by Inland Salt Manufacturing Industry?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The total area of the Wild Ass Sanctuary is 4953.69 sq. kms. and the total land granted on lease for salt manufacturing by the Revenue Department is 36.89 sq. kms. The percentage of lease granted for salt manufacturing to total sanctuary area is 7.44%.

Inclusion of Drugs

3195. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the drugs and intermediates which have been kept in the negative list;

(b) whether inclusion of these drugs and intermediates in the negative list has encouraged black marketing and smuggling; and

(c) the steps taken to dispense with this list?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The drugs and intermediates kept in the negative list are:—

- (i) All types of Penicillin
- (ii) 6-APA
- (iii) Tetracycline/Oxytetracycline & their salts
- (iv) Streptomycin
- (v) Rifampicin
- (vi) Intermediates of Rifampicin, namely
 - 3-Formyl Rifa SV
 - Rifa-S/Rifa-S Sodium, and
 - 1-Amino-4-Methyl Piperazine
- (vii) Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2 and their salts.

(b) Reports received indicate that some quantities of tetracycline and Penicillin imported under different schemes are finding their way into the open market.

(c) Only vital drugs and some of those reserved for manufacture by Public Sector Undertakings have been kept in the negative list. The list is reviewed on a regular basis keeping in view the developments at the national and international levels.

Nexus between PWG and NSCN

3196. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there exists nexus between out-lawed People War Group and NSCN;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Government do not have confirmed information regarding nexus between PWG and NSCN. However, a close watch is being kept in this regard with the cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

Assistance for Foodgrains under World Food Programme

3197. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States receiving assistance for foodgrains under the World Food Programme during 1996-97;

(b) the amount of assistance provided to each State under this programme during the said period; and

(c) the extent to which it has been utilised in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The States receiving assistance for foodgrains under the World Food Programme (WFP) during 1996-97 are Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.